



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: December 16, 2014

ITEM TITLE: DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY INTERINSURANCE EXCHANGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB ON BEHALF OF THEIR INSURED: CRYSTAL PALUCK; DATE OF LOSS – NOVEMBER 21, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 2

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Deny the claim for damages of Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club ("Exchange") on behalf of their insured, Crystal Paluck, in its entirety.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- A claim was filed by Exchange with a reported date of loss of November 21, 2014 for damages to a vehicle.
- It was forwarded to Carl Warren & Company ("CW"), the City's claims administrator.
- CW reviewed the claim and recommends denial, as the reported damage was done by a Riverside County vehicle.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The monetary damages were not included in the claim.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The claimant alleges their insured's vehicle was rear ended by a police vehicle on November 21, 2014. CW recommends tendering the claim to Riverside County Sheriff's Department for their review and handling, as they have agreed to indemnify the City against all claims of this nature in the Contract for Police Services between the City and Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

As CW is relied on to perform an accurate and thorough preliminary assessment of the claim from a liability standpoint and has recommended rejection of this claim, staff does not recommend an alternative action.

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Report approved for submission by: Frank J. Spevacek, City Manager

